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Will death of cardinal affect priest abuse case?

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Bevilacqua's testimony likely to be read to jury

- ▶ Legal expert says prosecutors could gain from a jury not being able to see fragile cardinal in court
- ▶ Survivors claim testimony was key for closure

The death of Cardinal Anthony Bevilacqua on Tuesday will have a minimal impact on the upcoming cases of three priests accused of sexual abuse, according to those close to the case.

Bevilacqua's death came one day after a court reaffirmed an earlier decision that he was fit to testify. The charges came to light after a scathing 2005 grand jury report named the three offenders, along with 60 others, and harshly rebuked Bevilacqua for allowing them to continue practicing despite having knowledge of the abuse.

Defense lawyer Chuck Peruto Jr., who previously represented one of the three priests charged, said Bevilacqua's absence will be helpful to the prosecution, if it has any effect at all. "The cardinal already went through his direct and

"I personally think it is going to be overshadowed simply because of the fact that the second grand jury stuff is still being worked on"

JAMES MORAN OF CLERGY SEXUAL ABUSE VICTIMS

cross-examination, and either party is privy to that testimony and can read it to the jury," he said.

"It probably benefits the commonwealth because the jury doesn't get flavor of how senile he is, how mentally incapacitated he may be, how frail he is, if he might not look credible — all these things. The jury

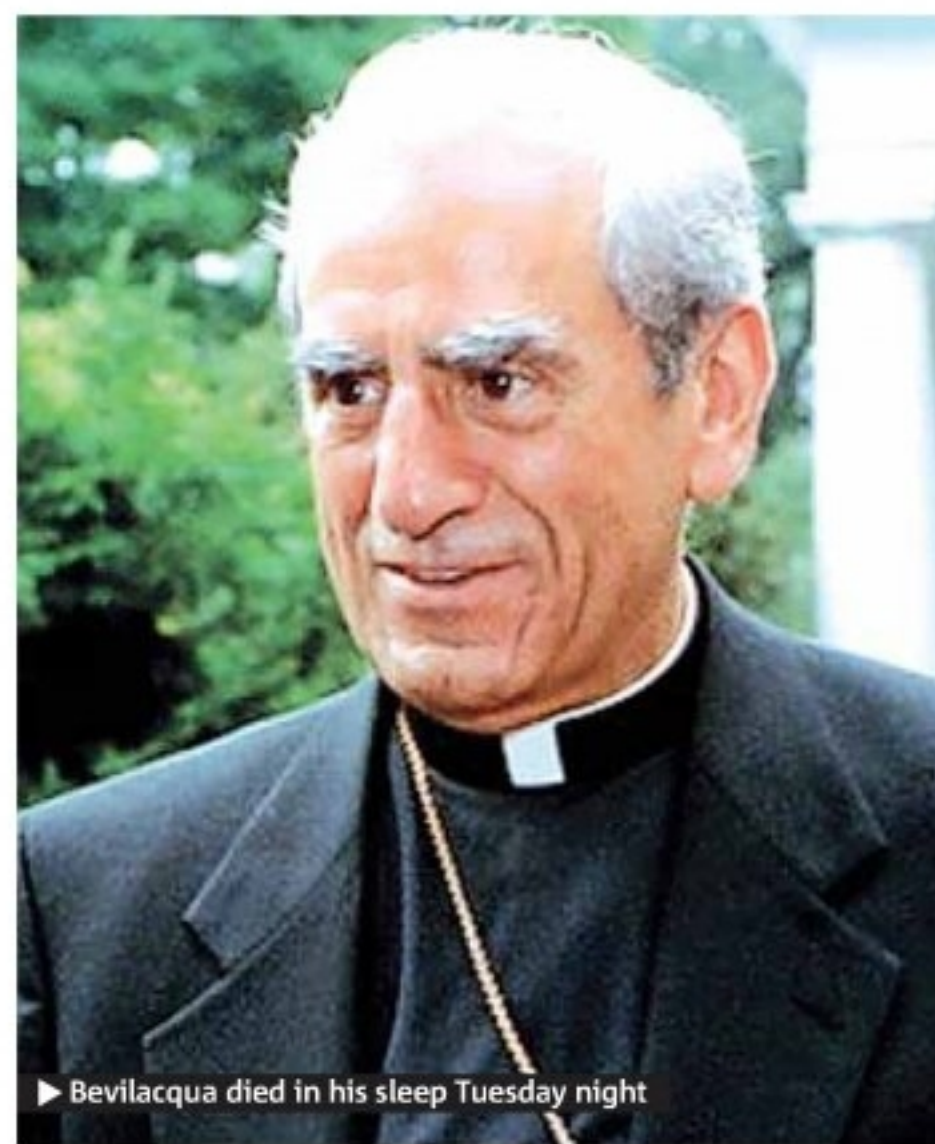
won't even get to view him, [they will] just hear the hard, cold evidence."

But victims said that, regardless of the legal implications, Bevilacqua's lack of testimony will leave open wounds. "For victims, I think it was important for him to come to court and tell what he knew," said Barbara Dorris of the Survivor's Network of those Abused by Priests. "It's very healing for people for him to be accountable and have the truth come out. The hearing is for them."

"We need to understand how this happened, what systems were in place and how these children got hurt to avoid it happening again."



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▶ Bevilacqua died in his sleep Tuesday night

In the news

Public viewing for Cardinal Bevilacqua

A public viewing at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul will be held for Cardinal Anthony Bevilacqua on Monday from 5:30 to 9 p.m. There will be another public viewing Tuesday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., followed by a funeral mass, celebrated by Archbishop Chaput at 2 p.m.

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In the news



Benefits denied

Former Philadelphia schools superintendent Arlene Ackerman has been denied \$500 a week in unemployment benefits, according to reports. She received a \$905,000 lump-sum payment when she left the district in August following a conflict with city and district officials over finances and leadership. Ackerman reportedly will not appeal the decision.

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Mixed legacy

The Vatican emphasized Bevilacqua's social services contributions, while alleged abuse survivors braced themselves for what they say will be a traumatizing memorial.

"We are reaching out to victims and letting them know that we know how difficult this time is going to be for them, watching press coverage of his funer-

al and all these praises of him," said Karen Polesir of SNAP.

"I join you in commending the late cardinal's soul to God," said Pope Benedict XVI in a telegram to Archbishop Charles Chaput. "With gratitude for ... his longstanding commitment to social justice and the pastoral care of immigrants, and his expert contribution to the revision of the church's law." ✱ METRO

Cardinal dead at age 88

A statement from the diocese called his 1998 pastoral letter condemning racism, "Healing Through Faith and Truth," penned when racial tensions were flaring in city neighborhoods, one of the most important documents written during his tenure.

Bevilacqua was one of 11 children born to a poor Ital-

ian immigrant family in Brooklyn, so he had a lifelong personal mission to fight for the rights of the needy.

He established the diocese's first Catholic Migration and Refugee Office in Brooklyn in 1971.

He served as Philadelphia archbishop for 15 years, from Feb. 11, 1988, to Oct. 7, 2003, and became a cardinal on June 28, 1991.

He had advanced degrees

in political science and canonical and civil law.

Bevilacqua created a community development office to aid blighted neighborhoods in his last year of office. The archdiocese also began a \$41 million human-services construction program consisting of seven projects, including the Cardinal Bevilacqua Community Center in Kensington.

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Schedule, pricing for new Barnes

CENTER CITY. The Barnes Foundation yesterday announced the hours and pricing for its new facility on the Benjamin Franklin Parkway, which will open to the public in May.

The museum will be open

\$18

General admission for adults, while senior citizens and children will pay \$15 and \$10.

from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday through Monday, except for Friday when it will stay open until 10 p.m. Member ticketing began yesterday and tickets will go on sale to the public March 15. ✱ METRO



▶ Barnes Foundation building

Report: Jobs up, but city revenue way down

PHILADELPHIA. The city unemployment rate declined for the fourth consecutive month in December, according to City Controller Alan Butkovitz's monthly economic report. The rate is currently at 10.1 percent, with 700 additional wholesale and retail jobs created in December.

\$31.6M

Philadelphia's general fund tax revenues are \$31.6 million below initial projections for the first half of the fiscal year 2012, the report says.

The city's financial future, however, looks less encouraging.

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Gov.'s officials ease standards for welfare

After receiving heavy criticism, Gov. Tom Corbett's administration has relaxed its plan for residents to receive government assistance.

The asset test would determine those who are eligible for the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program. Under the proposed guidelines, the limit for regular households would be \$5,500, and \$9,000 for households with an elderly or disabled member. The previous proposal set a limit of \$2,000 for regular households, which would have been the most stringent standards, critics claimed.

The Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare submitted the final proposal yesterday to the federal government for approval.

Despite the backtracking, officials insisted that the asset test is necessary.

"Reinstating asset testing to the SNAP program is an important first step toward preserving limited taxpayer resources for the truly needy," DPW Secretary Gary D. Alexander said in a news release. "The asset test ensures every public dollar we have goes directly to those who need it most."



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Alleged jewel thief sought

CENTER CITY. Authorities are searching for a crafty jewel thief who allegedly made off with \$875,000 worth of goods from a Rittenhouse Square apartment.

Police said the incident happened Jan. 18 around 11:40 a.m. The suspect allegedly entered the victim's apartment and took several pieces of jewelry. Building surveillance shows him boarding an elevator, shield-



► Suspect

ing his face from the camera, and getting back on minutes later before fleeing out the back door onto Locust Street.

The suspect is described as a black male, bald, roughly 6 feet tall, heavy build, with a green or blue jacket and dark knit hat. **● METRO/SDL**

Weather. Spring near?



► It was a great day to break out the soccer ball.

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Ben Krasno, 5, enjoyed the springlike weather yesterday in Rittenhouse Square as people across the city traded their scarfs for bicycle shorts and running shoes. Topping out at 67 degrees, we flirted with the record high of 70, set back in 2002. Things will get cooler today and tomorrow, but should stay above freezing. **● METRO**

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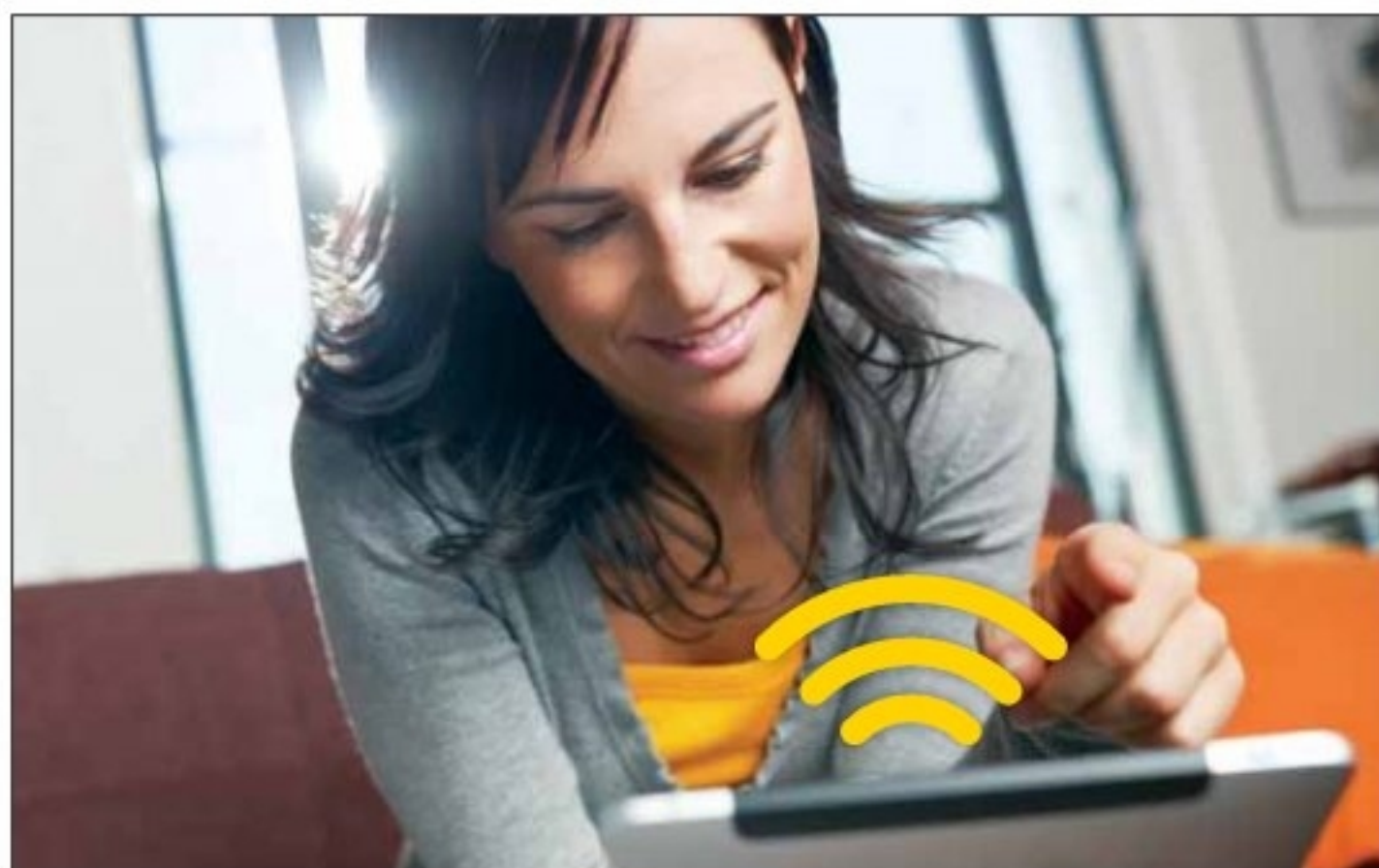
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Friends mourn loss of vibrant, young woman



Friends and fans mourned an aspiring model fatally shot Tuesday in an apparent murder-suicide in the Wayne Junction station parking lot.

Vanessa Watson, 26, of the 3700 block of North 18th Street in Tioga, was an aspiring model who went by the stage name Vanessa Banks. She walked the runway at New York's Fall Fashion Week for designer Hally McGehean in September, recently participated in BET's *Rip the Runway* and appeared in numerous photo shoots and music videos.

"I just remember her being real vibrant, real hungry as far as wanting to break into the scene and I really admired that because she was a go-getter," said friend and designer Simon Carr of Punchline

"I just remember her being real vibrant, real hungry as far as wanting to break into the scene and I really admired that because she was a go-getter."

SIMON CARR

Clothing. "She really wanted to make an impact and she did." He said that her drive prompted her to do anything to make it to a job, whether it meant traveling out of town on the spur of the moment or bringing her young daughter to rehearsals.

Police said Watson was shot and killed by Luis McCrea, 31, who then turned the gun on himself. According to friends, McCrea was a possessive lover and Watson's ambitions threatened him.

"She knew a lot of people in the industry and she was really getting out there. I think that was a hindrance," Carr said, recalling an event at which Watson was unable to talk with him because McCrea was jealously watching her from across the room. "It was just really detrimental."

Friends are currently planning a benefit fundraiser for Watson's three surviving children.

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District accused of bad practices

PHILADELPHIA. The teachers' union has filed a complaint against the School District of Philadelphia claiming that untrained staff are administering medication to students.

The Philadelphia Federation of Teachers, in its complaint to the Pennsylvania Department of Health, says it has documented more

than 100 schools where teachers, principals and secretaries have administered medicine in the absence of a certified nurse. It claims the practice violates the Public School Code and state health and safety regulations.

A district spokesman said the district would review the complaint and that its practices comply with all state regulations. **METRO**



Radnor teacher charged with punching kid

DELAWARE COUNTY. A teacher in Radnor Township has been charged with punching a student in the face after she allegedly threw chalk at him.

Richard Little, 41, was charged with aggravated assault, simple assault and related charges in the Jan. 23 incident at Presbyterian Children's Village. A supervisor reported that Little pulled the student into the hallway and punched her, causing her to bleed. **METRO**

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Afghan coalition plans to end combat role in '13

WASHINGTON. U.S. Defense Secretary Leon Panetta said the NATO-led coalition fighting in Afghanistan wants to end its primary combat role starting in mid-2013 and drop back to advising Afghan forces that are increasingly taking the lead.

The decision establishes a milestone for leaders of NATO, who in Lisbon in 2010 called for transferring security responsibility nationwide to Afghan forces by the end of 2014.

"We'll still be very much engaged in helping them as we move into 2014," Panetta said yesterday. "It's not going to be the kind of formal combat role that we're involved in now."

The timetable may help resolve a rift in the coalition last week, when French President Nicolas Sarkozy said his nation would withdraw its troops a year earlier than the goal set in Lisbon. Panetta signaled he would press France to get back in line. **BLOOMBERG**

Obama presses congress for homeowners

President Barack Obama yesterday pressed lawmakers to back a \$5 billion to \$10 billion plan to help U.S. homeowners refinance, part of an election-year package that is unlikely to

overcome Republican opposition in Congress.

Obama moved to counter Republican criticisms that the proposal would use taxpayer money to bail out irresponsible borrowers by stressing that only homeowners current on their payments could benefit. Obama sketched out the plan in his State of the Union. **REUTERS**

Facebook files \$5B IPO



► The preliminary IPO filing sets the stage for a May market of the world's largest social network.

The company founded by Mark Zuckerberg in a Harvard dorm room in 2004 picked Morgan Stanley to take the coveted "lead left" role in what is expected to be the largest IPO ever to emerge from Silicon Valley.

The other four bookrunners chosen were Goldman Sachs, Bank of America Merrill Lynch, Barclays Capital and JP Morgan, although the underwriting syndicate could be expanded later, IFR cited the sources as saying.

The preliminary IPO filing sets the stage for a May market of the world's largest social network, IFR reported, a coming-out party that will dwarf almost any before that, including Google Inc.'s \$2 billion IPO.

Morgan Stanley's experience in arranging major Internet IPOs — including those of Groupon and Zynga — helped it clinch a pivotal role after an unusually secretive selection process, IFR reported.

Final pricing would not be

\$5B

The \$5 billion is a preliminary target and could be ramped up in coming months in response to investor demand, IFR added.

set for several months, during which the size of the IPO could be increased should investor demand warrant it, IFR added.

The IPO — expected to be one of the largest U.S. market debuts in history — has whipped up a frenzy of investor and media speculation this month, buoying shares in social media peers from RenRen to LinkedIn and igniting fierce competition on Wall Street.

The IPO — a prized trophy for any investment bank — likely set a new standard for how low its arrangers are willing to go on advisory fees to win big business, analysts say. **REUTERS**

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Fresh off Florida win, Romney loosens lips



► Mitt Romney's campaign is financed in large part by incredibly wealthy donors. The average contribution to Romney's Restore Our Future super PAC was \$103,000; in contrast, the average donation to President Obama's super PAC was only \$55.

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- "Brad Pitt's next role: Newt Gingrich?" **POLITICO**

Mitt Romney, by his own admission, doesn't really care about America's poor. At least, that's one of the big campaign stories making the rounds following the handsome .01-percenter's win in Florida on Tuesday. But is it true? Let's take a closer look.

On CNN yesterday, Romney said the following: "I'm not concerned about the very poor. We have a safety net there. If it needs repair, I'll fix it. I'm not concerned about the very rich; they're doing just fine. I'm concerned about the very heart of America, the 90 percent, 95 percent of Americans who right now are struggling."

up a larger share of the tab — due to a proposed reduction in the corporate rate, elimination of the capital gains rate and a repeal of the estate tax, among other regressive ideas. When tax incomes then drop, politicians are going to look for ways to make up the difference from this social net — programs like Social Security and Medicaid. Romney has also endorsed the Paul Ryan budget proposal, which cuts some \$3 trillion from such low-income programs.

Recently released fundraising data also incline one toward skepticism over Romney's

claim that he's not out to help the rich. Considering that his super PAC received \$17,947,952.77 from a scant 181 contributors, one can see that the very wealthy make up Romney's donor base — the implication being that Romney will likely seek to repay this generosity by helping to enrich them even further.

Moving on, let's parse Romney's claim that he's concerned about the 90-plus percent of struggling Americans, what he would presumably think of as the middle class. (Here we see how, despite claims to the contrary, the Occupy movement has impacted mainstream debate.) According to various estimates, this crucial segment of the American population may actually comprise between 25 percent to 66 percent of households. Assuming a very conservative estimate of 66 percent, with the rich making up the so-called 1 percent, that leaves a third of Americans who can write off any specific Romney concern — 33 percent of the country apparently subsisting on a social net that the presumptive Republican nominee will surely attempt to dismantle while presumably attacking the left over "class warfare." Classy.

See, as Romney himself is countering, context does indeed matter. But then, with Gingrich campaigning against Obama the "food stamp president," the context in this contest is not exactly heartening.

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Metro's **Monica Weymouth** shares her take on the world of gossip [@monicaatmetro](#) monica.weymouth@metro.us

— Dorothy Robinson will return on Feb. 7.

Relax: There will be no mini Snooki



For a few brief, terrifying moments yesterday, we feared **Snooki** was pregnant.

It all started with an ugly, horrible, breakfast-ruining rumor from RadarOnline. "She's been telling people that she has a big announcement coming," a source told the site, adding that boyfriend **Jionni LaValle** had been sharing the news with close family and friends.

A photo search mercifully didn't reveal a Snooki baby bump. But it also suspiciously failed to turn up the expected number of drunk duck faces — say it ain't sober!

Finally, she made an appearance on **Opie & Anthony** to set the record straight: There will be no spawn of Snooki. "Why are people calling me fat?" she wondered. "That's so rude!"

It is rude, Snooks. It is rude and we won't stand for it.



► Clooney and Keibler

Listen to how private she is

Stacy Keibler is a very private person, even if she is dating **George Clooney**. "I have always tried to stay as private as I can be, and George is a very private person — and so, yes, it is hard to try and retain some sort of normalcy

and privacy at times," she tells the Huffington Post.

Did you catch the George Clooney part? That involves being beautiful and famous and primping for the SAG Awards. Do tell, Stacy: "It was really fun picking a dress that's comfortable, and easy was the key. Then just figuring it out: 'How am I going to do my hair?'"

Born this way, please

While we don't (yet) have to worry about a wild pack of **Snookis** terrorizing the Jersey Shore for generations to come, **Lady Gaga** is think-

ing babies — but not with her current boyfriend, **Taylor Kinney**. "I want a baby from an Italian — possibly Sicilian — donor," the singer says in an interview with Spain's Radio Ibiza.

A terrestrial, eh? You're losing your edge, Gaga.

The feed ...

► Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Today, Jessica Simpson is feeling puffy, Josh Groban isn't worried about Newt Gingrich's plans, Jewel is enjoying life on the ranch and Steve Martin is aware of how powerful he is.

@JessicaSimpson: Woke up looking like the lip injection fairy visited me in the night! Is this how pregnancy face begins?! Yikes!

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Talking points

Don Cornelius: 1936-2012

"Soul Train" producer and host **Don Cornelius** was found dead in his Los Angeles home early yesterday morning from what appeared to be a self-inflicted gunshot wound. Cornelius created the show in 1970 and hosted it until 1993. "He was a true television visionary, and his contributions to African-American culture, music and entertainment are incomparable. The outpouring of affection



► Cornelius

and tributes to his legacy are a true testament to the profound impact that his life's work had on many generations," said **Kenard Gibbs**, CEO of Soul Train Holdings, in a statement.

Reality star Leslie Carter dies at 25

Leslie Carter — younger sister of Backstreet Boys' **Nick Carter** and a star of "House of Carters" — died Tuesday in New York. No details have been released regarding the cause of death. "Our family is grieving right now, and it's a private matter. We are deeply saddened for the loss of our beloved sister, daughter and granddaughter, Leslie Carter. We request the utmost privacy during this difficult time," her family said in a statement.

Scarlett moving on — and moving



► Johansson

After her divorce from **Ryan Reynolds** and brief relationship with **Sean Penn**, **Scarlett Johansson** appears to be dating a new man, a New York advertising executive named **Nate Naylor**, according

to People magazine. "They've been dating for five months," a source says, though the two have been much more public with their affection in the past week, strolling around New York City with arms around each other. Meanwhile, Johansson is said to be looking for an apartment in London — primarily to avoid Reynolds and his girlfriend, "Gossip Girl" star **Blake Lively**. "She was always a little uncomfortable about the fact that Ryan and Blake worked together while she was still married to him," a source tells the Daily Mail. A rep for Johansson would only say, "She is not making London her permanent base."



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Red carpets that went to the dogs

We're already bored with the awards season gowns. But you know what we never get tired of? Puppies. Here are some of the best mutt struts in the past year.

1: Meet **Kasey**, who stars in the upcoming "Darling Companion" along with Diane Keaton.

2: No handler needed: Skateboarding pup **Tillman** is a red carpet-worthy star in his own right.

3: **Richard Belzer** brought a good friend along to the Directors Guild of America Honors.

4: **Betty White** puckered up at the American Humane Association's Hero Dog Award party.

5: "Tintin" star **Jamie Bell** gets a snuggle from a Snowy look-alike.

6: Our most anticipated Oscars 2012 moment: "The Artist" star **Uggie's** red carpet tricks.

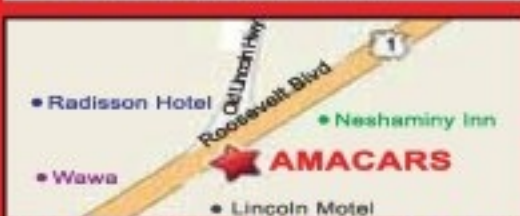
7: **Ice-T, Coco** and their pooch, **Spartacus**, attended the Long Island Bulldog Rescue Party in December.

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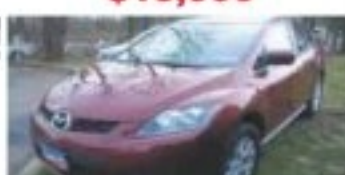
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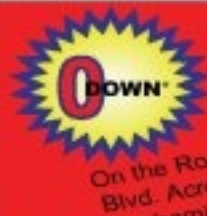
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'Luck' leaves little to chance

David Milch's new HBO drama is a meticulously crafted look at the culture of horse racing. And it doesn't hurt that the cast boasts both Dustin Hoffman and Nick Nolte



► Michael Mann, left, directs Nick Nolte on the set of "Luck." The horse racing drama airs Sundays at 9 p.m. on HBO.

You don't need to understand the intricacies of horse racing to realize just how much love "Luck" creator David Milch has for the sport.

The fictionalized details of life at Santa Anita Park in Southern California unfold with deliberate care and nu-

ance in the new HBO drama. Viewers might not know how a "pick six" bet is placed, but they certainly understand that a group of down-on-their-luck gamblers have pinned desperate hope on that bet — a wager that reverberates from the track office down to the stables.

"It's an act of faith," Milch says of his throw-the-viewer-into-that-world style. "Your fundamental responsibility is to stay true to the deepest nature and intention of the materials. And that's what we did."

A powerhouse support team brings Milch's writing to life on "Luck": Michael Mann serves as co-executive producer and director, and Dustin Hoffman and Nick Nolte head the cast.

"You want to do your best work," says Hoffman, who plays

Quoted

"When you're lucky enough to work with heavyweight talent, there's no problem — most importantly, because they're not afraid of a suggestion."

DUSTIN HOFFMAN

a formerly incarcerated horse owner with deep ties to the track. "When you're lucky enough to work with heavyweight talent, there's no problem — most importantly, because they're not afraid of a suggestion," he says. "We are given the shot to do our best work, and I'm very thankful for that."

Their collaborative study on ambition, greed and vice unfolds at a smoldering pace — until race time, when the series

bursts into pure adrenaline on the backs of magnificent beasts charging around the track.

"Michael's work in creating an atmosphere generated an entire second level of dialogue," Milch says of Mann's skill behind the camera. "[It] took a tremendous amount of the burden off of the demystifying of the world."

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10 REASONS TO GO TO THE MOVIES

2 'Chronicle'

After three friends make a strange discovery in the woods, they find they've gained the power of telekinesis. At first, it's all fun and games — taunting unsuspecting people with made-for-YouTube pranks — but their new abilities soon bring out a darker side.

3 'Big Miracle'

John Krasinski and Drew Barrymore star in this heart-warmer about an Alaskan community coming together to save a family of whales trapped in the Arctic Circle.

4 'The Innkeepers'

The Yankee Pedlar Inn has always been haunted, but just as it's about to close for good, two employees decide to do their own paranormal investigation.

5 'Albert Nobbs'

Glenn Close's Oscar-nominated role of Albert Nobbs — a cross-dressing woman in 19th

century Ireland, passing herself off as a man in order to work as a butler — was one she originally played in a stage production in 1982. Spending more than 15 years to get it optioned as a film has obviously paid off.

6 'One for the Money'

The only thing funnier than Katherine Heigl starring in a new rom-com as an unlikely bounty hunter is the fact that she wants back in on "Grey's Anatomy."

7 'Contraband'

A reformed bad boy (Mark Wahlberg) gets pulled back into the world of international cargo ship smuggling after his brother-in-law gets caught up with a sinister drug dealer (Giovanni Ribisi).

8 'The Iron Lady'

Meryl Streep is flawless at everything she does — and her turn as one of Britain's most controversial prime ministers, Margaret Thatcher, is predictably ad-

Must-see



► Daniel Radcliffe leaves the gates of Hogwarts ... err, no, some other creepy mansion that's more frightening than it is magical in "The Woman in Black."

1 'The Woman in Black'

Daniel Radcliffe's first post-Potter appearance comes in this gothic tale of an 1800s British seaside town terrorized by the ghost of disturbed mother, hell-bent on inspiring the local children to commit suicide. A far cry from Hogwarts, indeed.

mirable. Told in flashbacks over the course of three days in Thatcher's later years, the film touches on the highs and lows of her reign in the 1980s.

9 'The Grey'

Liam Neeson has been killing it with the action movies in the last few years, and his latest — a thriller about a group of unfortunate plane crash survivors stranded in rural

Alaskan territory — is just as fittingly chilling.

10 'Man on a Ledge'

An ex-con (Sam Worthington) takes to the ledge of a Manhattan high-rise, claiming he was framed for a diamond heist. While a hostage negotiator (Elizabeth Banks) tries to talk him down, it becomes clear that ulterior motives are at work.

TV watch list



► "I Just Want My Pants Back" premieres tonight.

'I Just Want My Pants Back'

DRAMA. Yes, life certainly is tough when you have a hot one-night stand who steals your favorite skinny jeans. The stylized pilot (Doug Liman serves as producer) of this twentysomething drama plays like an hour-long "S— Brooklyn Hipsters Say" video. Series premiere, 11 p.m., MTV

'The Union'

DOCUMENTARY. Elton John reconnected with Leon Russell — a legendary session musician who has played alongside everyone from Frank Sinatra to the Rolling Stones — after 38 years and invited Cameron

Crowe to film the resulting music magic. 9 p.m., HBO

'Grey's Anatomy'

DRAMA. Meredith imagines an alternate life path for herself, as well as her friends and family. Like, "What if Bailey and Cristina had really bad haircuts?" (Trust us. The "Grey's Anatomy" wig department had a field day on this one.) 9 p.m., ABC

'Archer'

COMEDY. The ISIS team works with the Royal Canadian Mounties to transport a terrorist. Canada has terrorists? 10 p.m., FX
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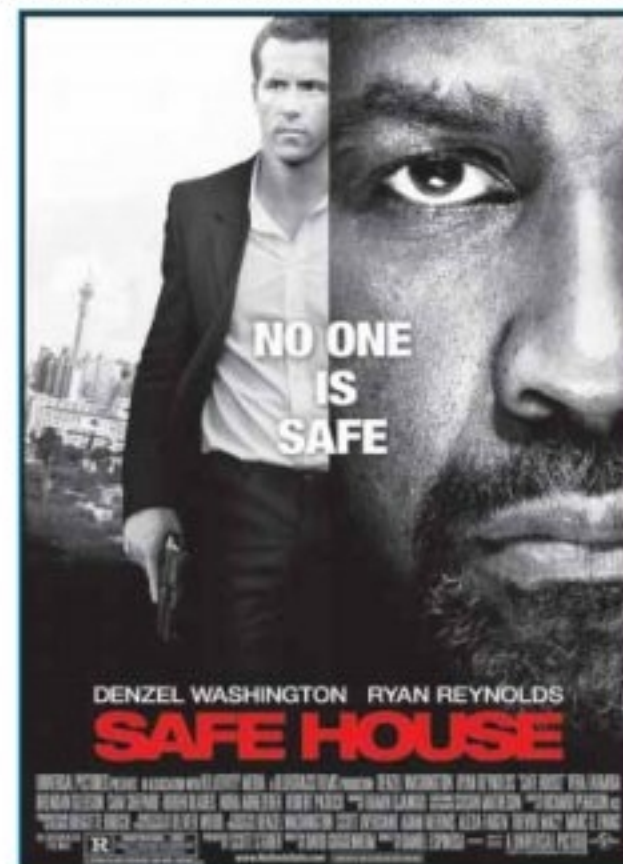
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► "Sunflowers," 1887, is by Vincent Willem Van Gogh.

PHILADELPHIA MUSEUM OF ART

A more intimate Van Gogh

► The Art Museum's new exhibit features almost 50 works showcasing his less-flashy close-ups of nature

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PHILADELPHIA MUSEUM OF ART

Visitors to the Art Museum's latest blockbuster exhibition are immediately greeted by the brilliant, iconic image of Van Gogh's sunflowers. As co-curator Joseph J. Rishel began a tour of the exhibition last week, he gushed that the painting was "a big, bold, straightforward, stand-up, to-the-footlights, full-disclosure flower piece in the grand tradition."

He then pivoted 90 degrees to point to a much more modest composition, a cropped-in image of a pair of sunflowers against an indeterminate blue background, and stated that this, not the more grandiose golden sunflowers, represented the theme of the show. Here, Rishel said, we find Vincent Van Gogh "looking down between his toes."

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► "Almond Blossom," 1890, is by Vincent Willem Van Gogh.

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ture photography. According to the National Gallery of Canada's Anabelle Kienle, who co-curated the exhibition, these images of rain and undergrowth and ears of wheat were Van Gogh's attempt to "look at the most humble motif, look at what's before your eyes and admire it, but all the while create incredible compositions."

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Dunst



Hedlund

Let them know you are looking forward to spending time with them and wish you could make all these other responsibilities disappear, but both of you have things that need your individual attention. As long as you understand that, it will give you the room to do what you need to do and not feel you are neglecting your relationship.

You can be considerate by letting each other know when you are free to spend time so that you can preserve time to be with one another.

Ultimately, you want to honor your own needs in tandem with theirs. Hopefully, once Kirsten and Garrett settle into a routine they will be able to do just that.

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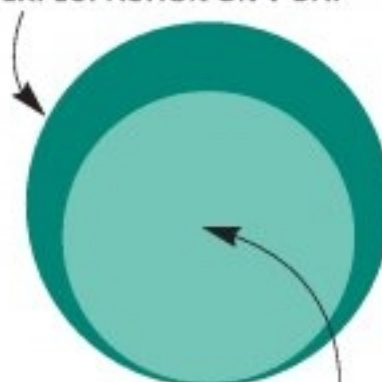
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Valentine's Day: Great sex expectations

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39%

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61%

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- ▶ 81 percent of respondents would rather have a romantic meal on Valentine's Day than receive a \$100 gift card.
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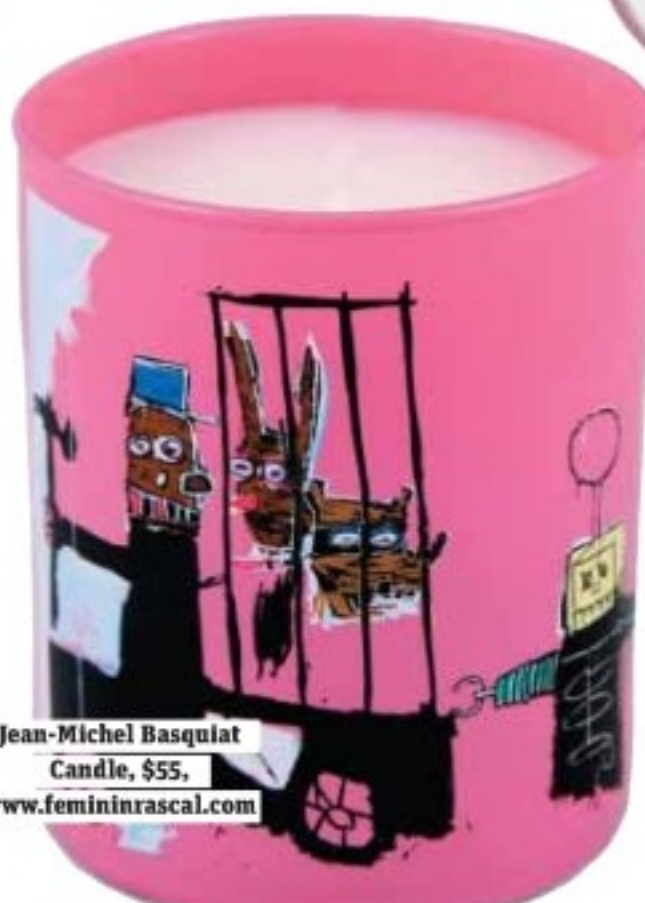
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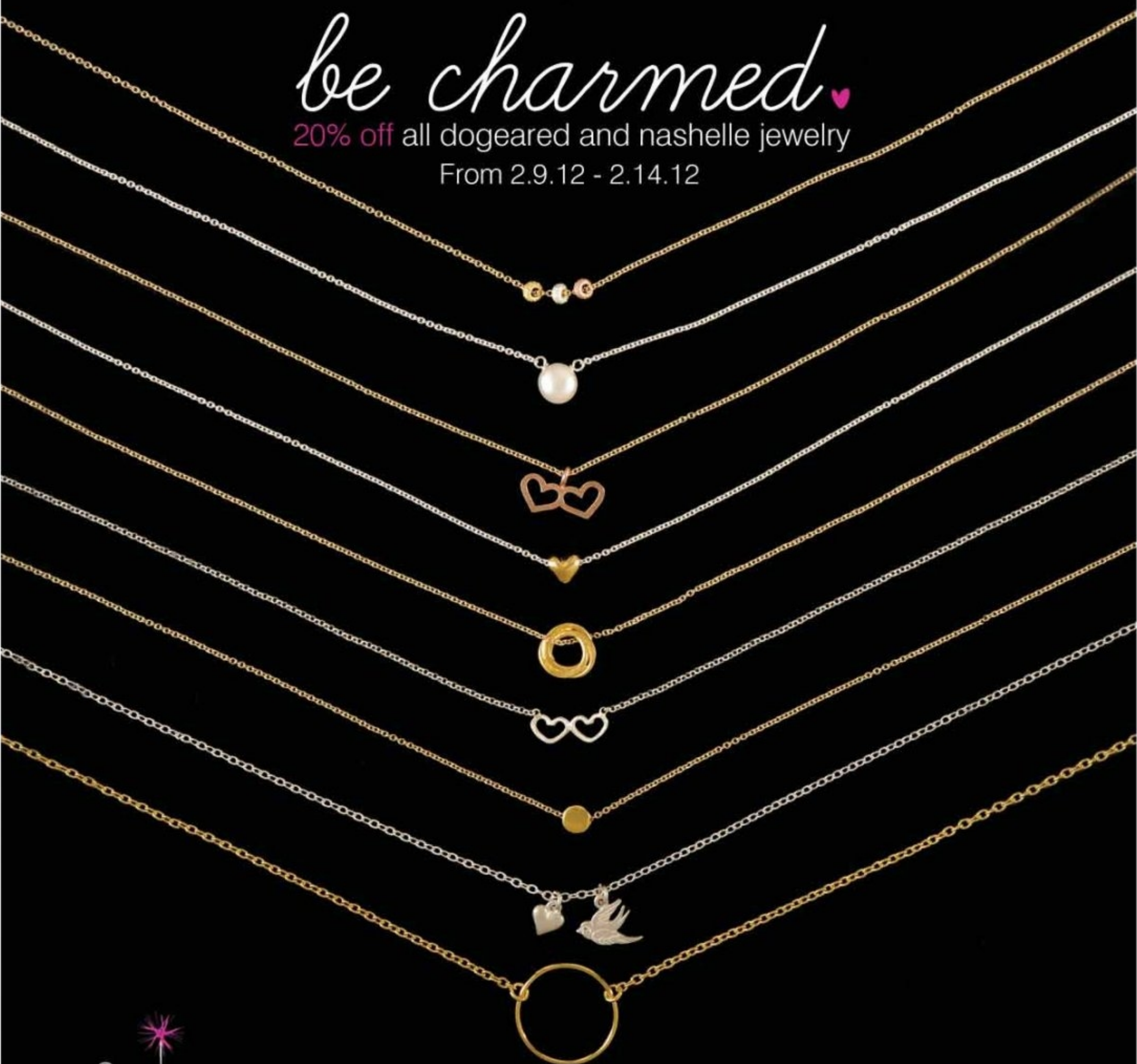
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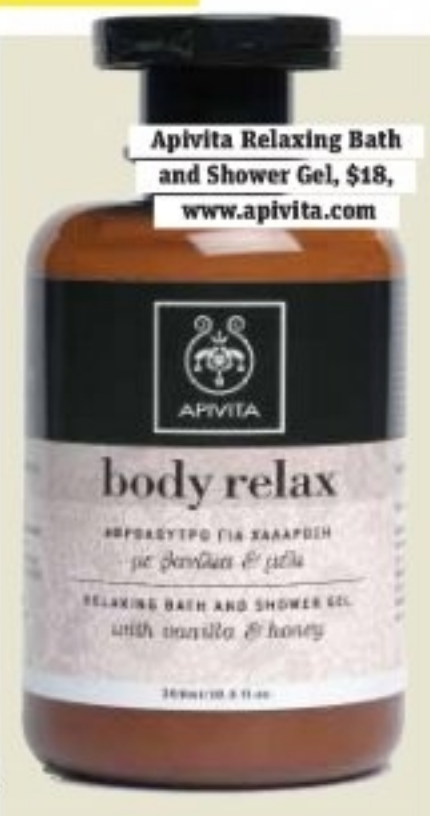
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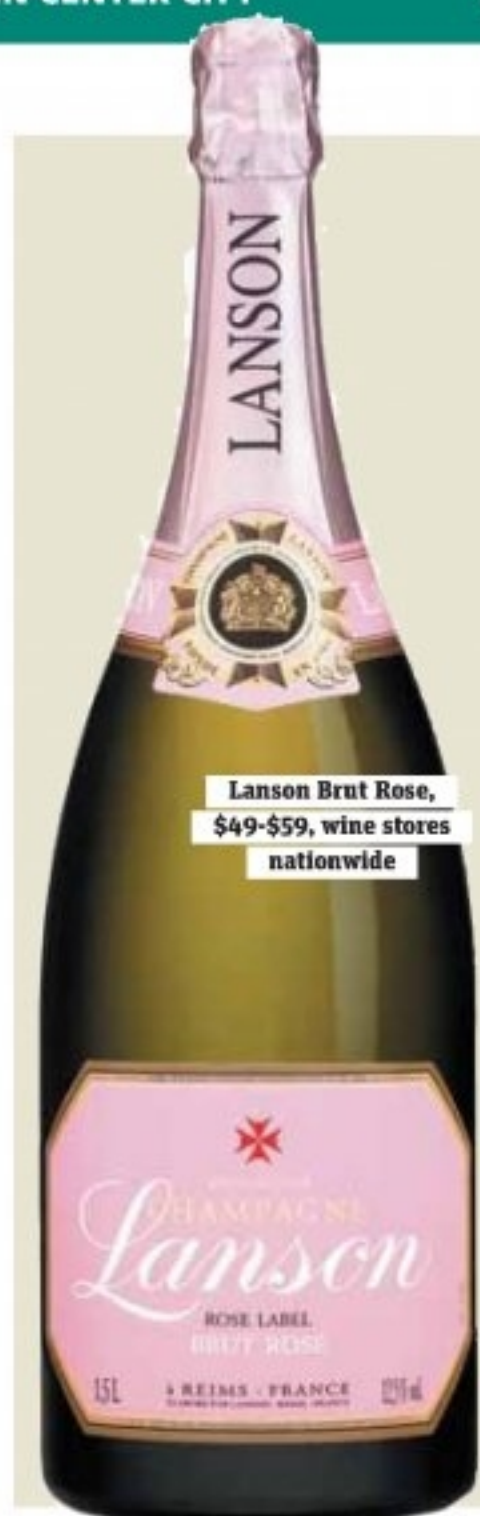
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Mediating media: Reader reactions

RE: "FOX IS JOURNALISM; MSNBC, RACIALISM": Calvin Fuller calling Fox News "journalists" is hilarious. The muppets would be better anchors, if only Kermit wasn't so busy brainwashing children with an anti-oil agenda, I suppose.
MARISSA COLLADO, VIA E-MAIL

It seems that the Fairleigh Dickinson University poll from Nov. 21, 2011 is correct: Those who watch Fox News have less information about news than those who don't watch the news at all.
CHRISTOPHER BROWN, PHILLY

Thank you, Metro, for giving me such a big laugh. I had a huge smile on my face all through my morning commute after reading the letter that said "Fox News has

journalists." It was interesting that this reader singled out Al Sharpton ("playing the race card") of all the other commentators on MSNBC, when he could have mentioned Joe Scarborough, a white former GOP congressman and conservative.

JANET WALSH, MEDFORD, NJ

If you don't like the race card then stop being a racist.
ANTHONY YOUNG, VIA E-MAIL

To paint Al Sharpton as the face of MSNBC is quite a stretch — just like calling Fox News journalism!
ROBERT LA ROSA, VIA E-MAIL

Blah blah blah? We're not buying it

RE: "CODED LANGUAGE IN POLITICS?": I would like to tell Rick Santorum and his

cronies that, like millions of "blah" people around the country, I work hard every day and have never been on public assistance. In fact, I've been working since I was 16, and at times I've held two jobs. I know that not all Republicans are racist, but with leaders like these, no wonder the overwhelming majority of African-Americans are Democrats!
MELISSA TULIN, PHILADELPHIA

"Rep. Paul may not seem corrupt, but that doesn't make his agenda any less insane."

RE: "RON PAUL SITS AT THE TOP OF THE LEAST-CORRUPTIBLE LIST": I'll grant Rep. Paul's record suggests he's "clean-

er" than most of Washington. But does Ms. Donnoe support the whole of his agenda, including the privatization of Social Security, ending environmental and financial regulations or reducing women (herself included) to second-class status? Rep. Paul may not seem corrupt, but that doesn't make his agenda any less insane.
JOSEPH CONNELL, VIA E-MAIL

Bain, Wall Street: Our toxic elites

Most people on the right agree that Bain Capital did legal business activities, and I agree. Bain Capital did clean up some companies, bettering their management. But I morally disagree with how this organization bought up many more companies and dismantled them for a quick profit, leaving hundreds of thousands of honest, hard workers without jobs. This result was as toxic as all those corporate "Wall Street" banks. Each left destruction in its path.
ROBERT DENNEN, VIA E-MAIL

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- 14 Accord maker
- 15 Exit ramp sight
- 16 Drop the ball
- 17 Twice as curious
- 18 Ms. Jong
- 19 Shad eggs
- 20 Magnani and Paquin
- 22 Winter quaff
- 24 Said hello
- 28 Refuses to obey
- 29 Shutter part
- 30 Are around
- 32 French friar
- 33 Allots
- 35 Dinner checks
- 39 Yves' eve
- 40 Lapel ornament
- 41 John, in Siberia
- 42 Flower holder
- 43 Do some roadwork
- 45 ... for a ... pittance
- 46 Weight unit
- 48 Come from the shad-
- 50 Insect sounds
- 53 Wall covering
- 54 Less cooked
- 55 Devious moves
- 57 Big Band
- 58 Mirage sights
- 60 People of northern Iraq
- 65 Two-BR unit
- 66 Familiar saying
- 67 Chopin opus
- 68 A Stooze
- 69 Turbine part
- 70 Beatrice's admirer

Down

- 1 Owl's query?
- 2 Retina cell
- 3 Draw to a close
- 4 Fruity drink
- 5 Self-defense art
- 6 Revise
- 7 Ibsen woman
- 8 ... Redding of rhythm and blues
- 9 Solstice mo.
- 10 Pleases greatly
- 11 "Rigoletto" composer
- 12 Carve a canyon
- 13 Poker pair
- 21 Dweeb
- 23 Frequently (var.)
- 24 Window covering

- 25 C-3P0 or R2-D2
- 26 Pianist ... Blake
- 27 For keeps, to Keats
- 28 Bad-mouth
- 30 The upper crust
- 31 TV warrior princess
- 34 Sheikh's cartel
- 36 Prevent from happening
- 37 River vessel
- 38 Dirty look
- 43 ER personnel
- 44 Bank on
- 47 Furor

- 49 Disguised
- 50 Fix potatoes
- 51 A Marx brother
- 52 Steamed
- 53 Tough question
- 55 Exam for jrs.
- 56 Construction toy
- 59 Shakespeare title word
- 61 Ms. Hagen
- 62 Compete in a marathon
- 63 Banned bug spray
- 64 Get the drift

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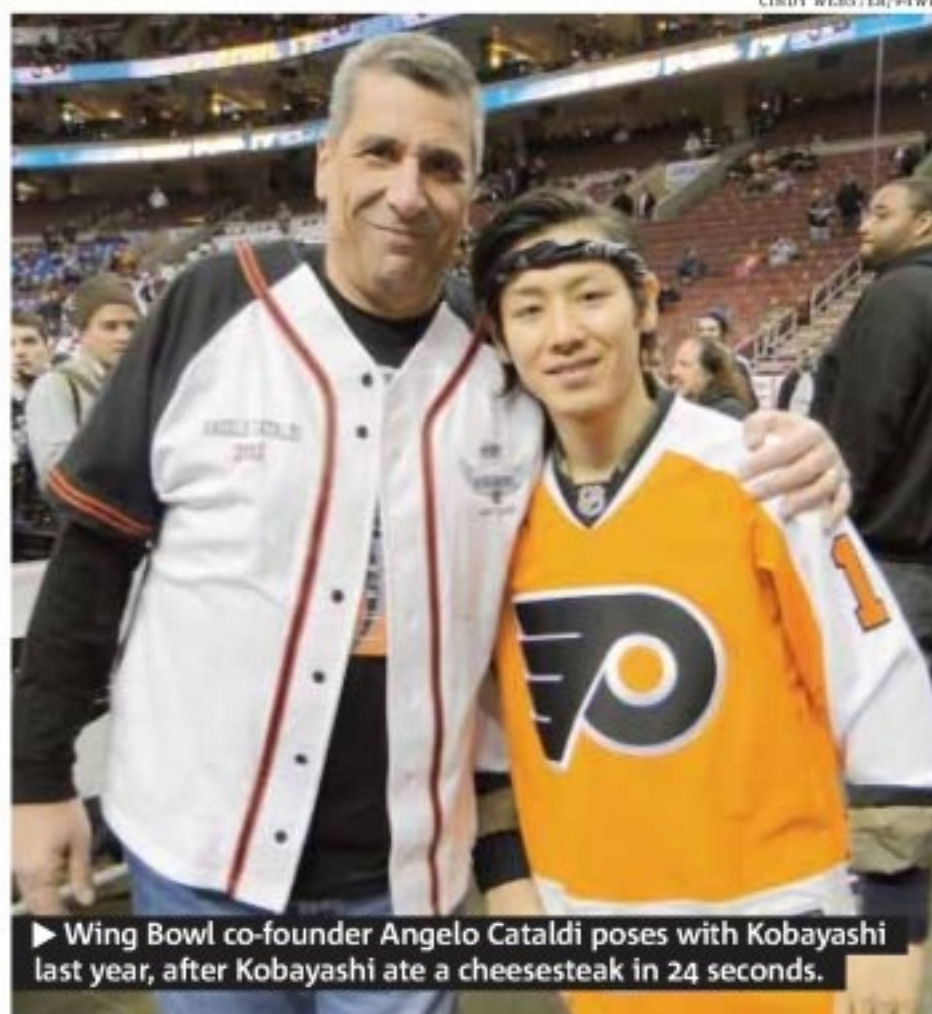
► Kobayashi takes center stage at Wing Bowl XX ► World's most famous eater sets goal at 300 wings ► Key to winning it all is pace, technique

Taking center stage at the crack of dawn Friday, mixed somewhere in between the drunken masses and glittered strippers, will be a legend.

Takeru Kobayashi, the man who put competitive eating on the map, will make his wing-eating debut at the Wells Fargo Center in Wing Bowl XX. Kobayashi holds five Guinness World records, including eating titles for hot dogs, meatballs, pasta, hamburgers and Twinkies.

"I am very honored to be part of Wing Bowl XX, on the event's 20th anniversary," the Japanese eating icon said via a translator. "I went last year, saw the excitement in the stadium. It's a crazy spectacle, but a good one. I'm just trying to forget all the craziness, and think about me and my food."

Kobayashi has been training since December, starting by eating 100 wings a day. Since arriving in Philadelphia, five days ago, he's upped it to 200. His goal is 300 wings, which would shatter the record 255 devoured by Jonathan "Super" Squibb last year. Kobayashi didn't compete in that event, but he did



► Wing Bowl co-founder Angelo Cataldi poses with Kobayashi last year, after Kobayashi ate a cheesesteak in 24 seconds.

eat a cheesesteak in 24 seconds during halftime.

"I would certainly be disappointed if I didn't win," Kobayashi said. "I've put in a lot of time and energy to prepare."

The biggest challenge, according to Kobayashi, is the technique. His plan is to focus on one type at a time, not mixing drumsticks and wings.

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Pomp and circumstance

Kobayashi wouldn't give us the dirt on his exact plans for his entourage and float. The best ones usually play on Philly sports traditions and feature scantily-clad women. However, he did say that it will be a good one.

"It's one of the things, the culture of the competition, that I'm most looking forward to," he said.

Three days after Wing Bowl XX, Kobayashi said he will be appearing on a Japanese TV show, where he will "most likely" be challenging for a pizza-eating world record.

"The key is not to lose rhythm and keep pace," he said.

Do that and Kobayashi feels confident he can win.

"[If I win] it would prove that I am the greatest eater for chicken wings, because it's the best event for eating chicken wings in the world," Kobayashi said.

MIKE GREGER
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Could it be a girl's night at Wing Bowl?

It's been five years since a woman has graced the Wing Bowl stage. Only once — Sonya "The Black Widow" Thomas, in 2004 — has a female walked away as champion.

This year, Stephanie Torres is trying to buck the trend.

"I'm not expecting to win, but I plan on being with the guys in the last round," said the 26-year-old California native. "I'm thinking I can do a lot of damage."

Torres, who is nicknamed "Chilita" for her spicy way of life and love of chili peppers, stands at a slight 5 feet, 105 pounds. However, her goal is to put away 250 wings while competing against a field of 25 (mostly big, beefy) guys. But Torres isn't backing down from no man, not even the great Kobayashi.

"He doesn't scare me. He's another person that loves to do that stuff, eat," she said. "It doesn't have to be a man [that wins]. A woman can show up, a woman can do just as well." ● METRO/MG

Peyton watch

Colts owner: Manning move set for March

Colts owner Jim Irsay said he plans to meet with QB Peyton Manning next week, but a decision on his future with the team isn't expected until early March. Indianapolis has until March 8 before they would have to eat a \$28 million bonus. "Look, anything is possible if the two parties choose to get together," Irsay told reporters.

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Wing Bowl 20 eaters

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NAME	HOMETOWN	NICKNAME	STATS	ODDS
Jonathan Squibb	Berlin, N.J.	Super Squibb	6-foot-4, 215 pounds	2-1
Bill Simmons	Woodbury Heights, N.J.	El Wingador	6-foot-5, 330 pounds	4-1
Takeru Kobayashi*	Nagano, Japan	Kobayashi	5-foot-8, 127 pounds	2-1
Nick Kehler	Glassboro, N.J.	Nick Papagorgio	5-foot-8, 285 pounds	25-1
Gerry Spearing	Philadelphia	Iceman	6-foot-2, 252 pounds	20-1
Jack Diamond	Bainbridge, Pa.	Snack Jack	5-foot-10, 220 pounds	75-1
Kevin Richmond	Philadelphia	Kenso Kevin	5-foot-8, 240 pounds	20-1
Stacey McCarthy*	Allentown	Eaterama	6-foot-2, 240 pounds	7-1
Steven Bianco*	Pennsville, N.J.	Stevil Kanevil	6-foot-2, 170 pounds	8-1
John Barnett	Blackwood, N.J.	Boring John	5-foot-11, 280 pounds	15-1
Joe Illgas*	Kennett Square	Elmer Fudd	5-foot-10, 200 pounds	50-1
Dave Goldstein	Voorhees, N.J.	U.S. Male	6-foot-1, 235 pounds	10-1
Martin Russo*	Allentown	The Rooster	5-foot-9, 200 pounds	40-1
Dimitry Shchupak*	Langhorne, Pa.	The Ukraine Train	6-foot-0, 250 pounds	75-1
Peter Cox*	Kintnersville, Pa.	King Kong	6-foot-5, 325 pounds	35-1
Jerry Coughlan	Clifton Heights, Pa.	Gentleman Jerry	6-foot-2, 375 pounds	9-1
Rick Russo	Trappe, Pa.	Rick the Manager	5-foot-10, 230 pounds	100-1
Stephanie Torres*	Las Cruces, N.M.	Chilita	5-foot-0, 105 pounds	3-1
Kevin Ambs	Conshohocken	Qwazy	6-foot-5, 325 pounds	5-1
Richard Razzi	Schwenksville	Not Rich	6-foot-1, 225 pounds	35-1
Breandan Lyman*	Philadelphia	Skin & Bones	6-foot-3, 165 pounds	8-1
Greg Moyer*	Lansdale	Mr. 1%	6-foot-4, 240 pounds	30-1
John Harker	Woodbury, N.J.	Freak of Nature	6-foot-5, 260 pounds	50-1
Craig Inajin	Abington	Hot Pockets	6-foot-0, 225 pounds	50-1
Doug Canavin	Parts unknown	Damaging Doug	6-foot-2, 345 pounds	20-1
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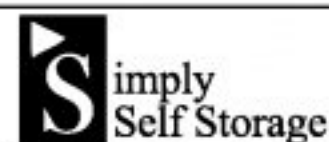
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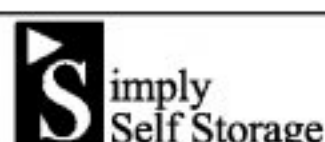


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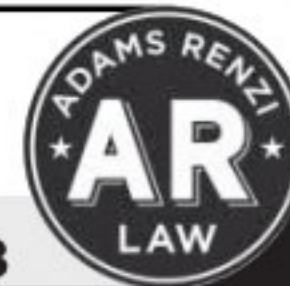


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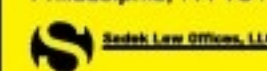
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